सुपर बाजार उपभोक्ता समिति में कथित अपराधीकरण

2175. **श्री गोविन्द राम मिरी:** क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि सुपर बाजार उपभोक्ता समिति की कनाट प्लेस स्थित शाखा समेत बहुत-सी शाखाओं में अपराधीकरण की प्रवृत्ति बढ़ रही है;

(ख) क्या सुपर बाजार प्रबंध समिति के कुछ सदस्यों ने अपने-अपने हित में बिक्री सहायक के पदों पर कुछ कुख्यात अपराधियों को नियुक्त किया है और ये लोग किराना, वस्त्र और अन्य विभागों में नियुक्त हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

नागरिक आपूर्ति उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय (उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री विनोद शर्मा): (क) जी नहीं। सुपर बाजार द्वारा यह भी सूचित किया गया है कि सुपर बाजार की शाखाओं में अपराधीकरण का ऐसा कोई मामला उनकी जानकारी में नहीं आया है।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Growth in Super Bazar

2176. **SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA:** Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Sector-wise/Branch-wise growth in Super Bazar during the Eighth Five Year Plan so far;

(b) whether growth in the textiles sales promotion has been quite slow;

(c) if so, the measures proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the average profit ratio in textile section in comparison to other sections during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) Super Bazar has reported that their prevailing accounting system is such that its growth and profitability can be worked out for Super Bazar as a coprehensive whole and not Sector-wise on branch-wise. The slaes and gross profit of Super Bazar during the first three years of the 8th Five Year Plan have been reported to be as follows:

Year	Sales	(Rs. in Lakhs) Gross Profit
1992-93	10303.98	807.13
1993-94	11520.34	925.40
1994-95	13015.23	1051.00

(b) to (d) Super Bazar has reported that the increase in sales in the textile Department of Super Bazar has not been slow. It has been reported that the average profit margin in Textile Department was around 19.5% during 1994-95. The average margin in other departments ranged from 8.9% in Grocery and Toiletries department to around 25.9% in Handloom Department during the same period. The growth rate and the average profit margin in Super Bazar Compare favourably with the other successful consumer stores of the country.

Financial Assistance to Tobacoo Farmers' Organisations

2177. **SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Financial assistance will be given to tobacco farmers' organisations to improve the welfare of tobacco farmers by the Tobacco Board;

(b) if so, the schemes of financial assistance that can be given; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Tobacoo Board, among other measures, provides financial assistance to the tobacoo growers for the following:—

(1) Improving yield and quality of FCV Tobacco.

(2) Improving curing & storing facilities.

(3) Improving grading through community grading centres.

(4) Control/Monitoring of pesticide residues.

(5) Development of new areas for FCV Tobacco.

(6) On-Farm tests and experimental trials.

Request for funds Under Consumer Welfare Fund

2178. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a request from Andhra Pradesh for an amount of Rs. 1.15 crores from the Consumer Welfare Fund to purchase instruments, Kits etc.;

(b) the reaction of Government to this request;

(c) whether funds have been released to Andhra Pradesh for this purpose; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Details of the Project have been called for from the state Government for processing the case.

(d) Does not arise.

Amendment of Coal Minies Provident fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1948

2179. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring an amendments to the coal mines Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1948 in order to provide social security to the work force; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when a bill incorporating the amendments is likely to be introduced in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Government proposes to introduce a Bill in the current Session of Parliament to amend the Coal Mines Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1948, to empower Government to formulate a suitable pension scheme for the employees in the Coal Industry.

Public Distribution System in the country

2180. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister fo CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the various types of Public Distribution Systems operating in the country at present;

(b) whether Government propose to formulate any scheme to provide ration to urban poor people at cheaper rates than that to the rural poor people;